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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 with the following paragraph:

Figure 4 is an enlarged perspective view of a duck-bill valve which provides unidirectional flow control; and

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 33 with the following paragraph:

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view of the valve shown in Figure 4; and

On page 2, please add as a last paragraph:

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a different size sealing matt in accordance with the present invention.

On page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following paragraph:

As shown the ~~mat-matt~~ 102, 108 (Figure 6) and plurality of valves 110 are integrally molded to facilitate mass production thereof. The ~~mats-matts~~ 102 may be molded with perforations (not shown) 106 between rows and/or columns of the valves 110 to enable adaption of the matt 102 for a various sized extraction plates (not shown) with a different numbers of exit ports.